

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 – 42 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 19, and 31 are independent claims. Claims 1, 19, and 31 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the originally filed application. Favorable consideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Drawings

Applicants note with appreciation that the drawings filed on March 30, 2004 have been accepted.

Information Disclosure Statement filed July 30, 2004

Applicants note with appreciation that the references listed in the IDS Form 1449 filed on July 30, 2004 have been initialed, indicating that the references will be listed on any patent to issue from the present application.

The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Examiner rejects Claims 1 - 42 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Application Serial No. 2005/0027858 to Sloth et al. (hereinafter “Sloth”).

Amended claim 1 is directed to a method of displaying alert information in a network. The method includes storing performance information for network objects at predetermined time intervals. The method also includes displaying a summary view including a plurality of cells, each cell representing a period of time and comprising a bounded display region to display an alert status indication for the network objects at the represented period of time. The cells in the plurality of cells are ordered according to each cell’s represented period of time.

The applied art is not understood to disclose the foregoing features of claim 1. In particular, Sloth does not disclose displaying a summary view including a plurality of cells, each cell representing a period of time and comprising a bounded display region to display an alert

status indication for network objects at the represented period of time, the cells in the plurality of cells ordered according to each cell's represented period of time.

Sloth discloses a system and method for monitoring the performance of multiple clients based on true requests sent to one or more servers over a network connection (see Abstract of Sloth). The Examiner has directed Applicants to page 5 which describes how increasing response times experienced at clients could not be detected at the server because no functional error occurred (see [0138] of Sloth). For example, FIGS. 48 – 52 of Sloth illustrate how response times increase at clients without any indications of problems at the servers, and FIG. 53 of Sloth shows the real life response times at various locations around the globe.

Neither page 5 nor FIGS. 48 – 53 of Sloth, or any other part of Sloth, discloses a plurality of cells, much less cells representing a period of time and comprising a bounded display region to display an alert status indication for network objects. Therefore, Sloth does not disclose displaying a summary view including a plurality of cells, each cell representing a period of time and comprising a bounded display region to display an alert status indication for network objects at the represented period of time, the cells in the plurality of cells ordered according to each cell's represented period of time.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that Sloth does not anticipate claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

The Examiner rejects Claims 1 - 42 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Application Serial No. 2004/0261030 to Nazzal (hereinafter “Nazzal”).

Nazzal is not understood to disclose the features of claim 1. In particular, Nazzal does not disclose displaying a summary view including a plurality of cells, each cell representing a period of time and comprising a bounded display region to display an alert status indication for the network objects at the represented period of time, the cells in the plurality of cells ordered according to each cell's represented period of time.

Nazzal discloses a graphical user interface (GUI) that includes a field that depicts a summary of anomalies related to intrusion detection in a network (see Abstract of Nazzal). The Examiner has directed Applicants to page 14 which describes a GUI providing a user with feedback related to monitored events (see [0193] of Nazzal). Nazzal at page 3 and at FIG. 4

describes a two-level map for summarizing information about a host and the traffic between any pair of hosts, in either direction (see [0055] of Nazzal).

Neither page 14 nor any other part of Nazzal discloses a plurality of cells, much less cells representing a period of time and comprising a bounded display region to display an alert status indication for network objects. Therefore, Nazzal does not disclose displaying a summary view including a plurality of cells, each cell representing a period of time and comprising a bounded display region to display an alert status indication for network objects at the represented period of time, the cells in the plurality of cells ordered according to each cell's represented period of time.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that Nazzal does not anticipate claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

The Examiner rejects Claims I - 42 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Application Serial No. 2004/0221190 to Roletto et al. (hereinafter "Roletto").

Roletto is not understood to disclose the features of claim 1. In particular, Roletto does not disclose displaying a summary view including a plurality of cells, each cell representing a period of time and comprising a bounded display region to display an alert status indication for the network objects at the represented period of time, the cells in the plurality of cells ordered according to each cell's represented period of time.

Roletto discloses an aggregator for connection based anomaly detection that runs processes for aggregating anomalies into network events (see Abstract of Roletto). The Examiner has directed Applicants to page 14 which describes a GUI providing a user with feedback related to monitored events (see [0194] of Roletto). Roletto at page 3 and at FIG. 4 describes a two-level map for summarizing information about a host and the traffic between any pair of hosts, in either direction (see [0060] of Roletto).

Neither page 14 nor any other part of Roletto discloses a plurality of cells, much less cells representing a period of time and comprising a bounded display region to display an alert status indication for network objects. Therefore, Roletto does not disclose displaying a summary view including a plurality of cells, each cell representing a period of time and comprising a bounded display region to display an alert status indication for network objects at the represented period of time, the cells in the plurality of cells ordered according to each cell's represented period of time.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that Roletto does not anticipate claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Claims 19 and 31 have corresponding features to claim 1. Applicants therefore submit that the Sloth, Nazzal, and Roletto references do not anticipate claims 19 or 31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Applicants submit that all dependent claims now depend on allowable independent claims.

It is submitted that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigning attorney if there are any questions regarding this Amendment or this application.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500845.

Respectfully submitted,

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